

## Senate Resolution 124

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Hill of the 32nd, Douglas of the 17th and Stoner of the 6th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Motorcoach Operators Association and declaring February 3,  
2 2009, as Georgia Motorcoach Operators Association Day at the state capitol; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Motorcoach Operators Association (GMOA) was established in  
5 November, 2001, in order to organize bus owners and operators and enable them to have a  
6 collective voice in promoting bus transportation; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia's private transportation industry is an important community business  
8 partner in both the private and public sectors; and

9 WHEREAS, for every dollar spent on transportation, between eight and 12 dollars are  
10 returned to the local economy; and

11 WHEREAS, GMOA companies provide charter services to federal, state, and local  
12 governments, military bases, colleges and universities, school districts, churches, and  
13 businesses; and

14 WHEREAS, the private transportation industry is a pivotal member of emergency  
15 preparedness plans, providing infrastructure rebuilding and evacuation transportation  
16 services; and

17 WHEREAS, private transportation companies make a huge contribution to Georgia's tourism  
18 market, pumping millions of dollars annually into the economy of Georgia, with an overnight  
19 stay in Georgia bringing in an average of \$7,000.00 to \$13,000.00 to local economies; and

20 WHEREAS, the vital role that private transportation plays in the Georgia economy and the  
21 dedicated work of the GMOA in representing the private transportation industry are worthy  
22 of recognition.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 commend the Georgia Motorcoach Operators Association for their partnership efforts with  
25 the State of Georgia and declare February 3, 2009, as Georgia Motorcoach Operators  
26 Association Day at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Motorcoach Operators  
29 Association.